The House reassembled after lunch at twenty one minutes past two of the clock,

[The Vice-Chairman (Shri Adhik Shirodkar) in the Chair]

THE CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY FORE (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL, 1999

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR) : Hon. Members, we have before us the Central Industrial Security Force (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1999. Shri Advani to move the motion for consideration.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : Sir, I beg to move:

> "That the Bill further to amend the Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968, and to validate certain revision petitions disposed of under the rules made under the said Act, be taken into consideration."

Sir, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was raised under the CISF Act, 1968 to provide protection and security to the Central Government industrial undertakings. This particular Bill seeks to widen the scope of the CISF functioning. After all, there are many other Government organisations which are not covered within the definition given in the present Act which confines itself to industrial undertakings, public sector undertakings. But those are of strategic importance to the nation. The Bill seeks to empower the Government to deploy the CISF for the protection of property of other Government-funded organisations and to perform such other security duties as are entrusted to it by the Government. Accordingly, sub-section (1) of section 3 of the said Act relating to the definition is proposed to be amended.

In the emerging scenario of liberalisation, the private sector will play an increasing role in the economy of the country. The CISF is the only organisation which has acquired a very high degree of sophistication and specialisation in the field of industrial security. The expertise of the CISF can be utilised by the private sector industries also. The CISF can provide consultancy services to the private sector to develop and strengthen their

own security and security-related structures. These consultancy services are proposed to be provided on a full cost recovery basis. The present amending Bill seeks to make provisions in that regard also. It is proposed to amend section 10 of the CISF Act, and also to insert a new section 14 A to empower the force to undertake such consultancy.

The existing provisions in the CISF Act with regard to disciplinary matters are not at par with the Central Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965. In the proposed amendment in the CISF Act, such provisions are also being included.

The Orissa High Court and the Supreme Court have held that the CISF Act specifically confers revisional powers on the Central Government and these powers cannot be delegated to a subordinate authority. In the other para-military forces, such powers vest with the officers within the force itself. The present Bill proposes to amend section 9 and 22 of the CISF Act to make provisions for filing of revision petitions in disciplinary cases and their disposal, before the next superior authority.

"I commend the Bill for consideration by the August House."

The question was proposed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR) : Since there are no names before me....*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM (Tamil Nadu): Just one clarification I want to seek. Where does the appeal provision lie? Who is the man hearing the aggreived person?

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: It is the next superior authority, as it is in the other para-military forces.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR): The question is:

"That a Bill further to amend the Central Industrial Security

Force Act, 1968, and to validate certain revision petitions disposed of under the rules made under the said Act be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR): We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 to 10 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: Sir, I move :

"That the Bill be passed."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR): We are in an excellent mood now-a-days. There are still four minutes left. We can start the Private Members' Business now. I think it is a rare phenomenon that we are starting in advance.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1999

(to amend the seventh schedule)

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH (ANDHRA PRADESH): Sir, I move for leave to introduce Bill further to amend the Constitution of India.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1999

(insertion of new article 9A)

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of India.